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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SE/S Caves Road, 1100' W of

the c/l of Baronet Road

(2919 Caves Road)
3rd Election District
3rd Councilmanic District

Margaret F. McKean

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 95-375-A

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Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Margaret McKean, owner of the property, William Byrd, Developer, and Raymond Heil, Professional Engineer. Appearing as an interested party was Krysten Forsyth, a representative of the Valleys Planning Council. Also, J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire appeared at the hearing on behalf of Phillip Hathaway, a nearby resident of the area who was not opposed to the relief requested.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is also known as Lot 4 of Walnutwood, a six-lot subdivision created by Mrs. McKean that is currently proceeding through the development plan process. Walnutwood consists of 51.41 acres, more or less, zoned R.C.5.

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The B.C.Z.R., specifically Section 307.1, established a two-step process for the granting of variances. That two-step process was addressed and identified by the Court of Special Appeals in the case of <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995). The opinion in that case, issued January 4, 1995 and authored by the Honorable J. Cathell, interpreted our regulations to require the applicant to establish the following:

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I find from the testimony and evidence presented in this case that the subject property is unique, unusual and different from properties which surround the subject site so as to cause this applicable zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon this particular parcel of land.

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Having satisfied this "first step" the Applicant (Petitioner) must proceed to the "second step" of this variance process, which is to show that strict compliance with the zoning regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

The practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship guidelines that have been imposed by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) have been thoroughly examined and discussed by the appellate courts of this State. In Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Association v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 176 A.2d 355 (1961), the Court of Appeals considered the identical regulation to Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

As the Court noted: "Section 307 of the Regulations uses the two terms (practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship) in the disjunctive." Loyola Federal, p. 358. Thus, by the use of the term "or", Section 307 offers the Petitioner an opportunity to obtain its variance upon satisfaction of either the undue hardship or practical difficulty standard.

The distinction between these standards was clarified by the Court of Special Appeals in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, 322 A.2d 220 (1974). Within that opinion, the Court held that the undue hardship standard applies to a petition for a use variance. The Court noted that a use variance, which permits a use on the property other than that specifically permitted in that particular district, requires the imposition of a higher standard. That is, to allow the change of use for a particular property requires the Petitioner to demonstrate real hardship, where the land cannot allow a reasonable return if used only in accordance with the use restrictions of the ordinance.

Compared with this heavy burden, the Court reviewed the practical difficulty standard applicable for area variances. The Court characterized

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area variances as having a much less drastic effect than use variances, in that they seek relief only from height, area, setback, or side property line restrictions and would not affect the property's use, per se. The Court envisioned the impact of area variances on the surrounding locale to be less than that generated by use variances, and thus, the lesser practical difficulty standard applies. The prongs of that standard which must be satisfied by the Petition, as enunciated in Anderson, supra, are as follows:

- 1) whether compliance with the strict letter of restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to an applicant as well as to other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with that afforded other property owners; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson, p. 39. See also McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) at pps. 214-215.

I find from the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing before me that the Petitioner has in fact proven the practical difficulty standards as set forth above and that the variance requested should be granted. I further find that the granting of this variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and that the granting of this relief is accomplished without injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 15th day of August, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an existing swimming pool and storage building to be located in the side and front yards in lieu of the required rear yard, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceed-1) ing at this time is at her own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 1, 1995

Mrs. Margaret F. McKean 2919 Caves Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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SE/S Caves Road, 1100' W of the c/l of Baronet Road

(2919 Caves Road)

3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Margaret F. McKean - Petitioner

Case No. 95-375-A

Dear Mrs. McKean:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. William Byrd

303 Deep Dale Drive, Lutherville, Md. 21093

J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire

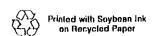
305 Washington Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Ms. Kristen Forsyth, The Valleys Planning Council

P.O. Box 5402, Towson, Md. 21285

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

2919 Caves Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117
which is presently zoned PC5

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I, or w	e, agree to pay exp	enses of above V	ariance advertising, p	ped by Zoning Regulations. posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltin Art Chunty.	
				. [/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.	
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(Type or f	Print Name)			Mrs. Margaret F. McKean (Type or Print Name)	
Signature	}			Margaret McKean	
Address				(Type or Print Name)	
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Attorney	for Petitioner			2919 Caves Road 363-0720	
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				Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 Gity State Zipcode	
Signature	₹			Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted Mr. William Byrd	
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ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

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ZONING DESCRIPTION WALNUTWOOD SUBDIVISION 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

(This description is for a zoning variance for proposed Lot 4, as shown on the development Plan for the proposed Walnutwood Subdivision).

commencing for the same at the intersection of the centerlines of Caves Road and Baronet Road, thence running down Caves Road South 69 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 1,100 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, thence leaving Caves Road

- 1) South 10 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 310.44 feet, thence
- 2) South 75 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 64.51 feet, thence
- 3) North 68 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 241.04 feet, thence
- 4) South 10 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 648.61 feet, thence
- 5) South 09 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 476.82 feet, thence
- 6) South 05 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 968.09 feet, thence
- 7) North 86 degrees 36 minutes 52 seconds West 387.07 feet, thence
- 8) South 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds East 500.00 feet, thence
- 9) North 40 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 1572.60 feet, thence
- 10) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 440.08 feet, thence
- 11) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 160.38 feet, thence

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Zoning Description Walnutwood Subdivision KCI Job No. 01-94093 April 17, 1995 Page 2

- 12) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 85.00 feet, thence
- 13) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 188.38 feet, thence
- 14) South 17 degrees 40 minutes 33 seconds East 348.00 feet, thence
- 15) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 275.45 feet, thence along Caves Road
- 16) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 1,022.34 feet, thence
- 17) North 62 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East 128.70 feet, thence
- 18) North 68 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 504.80 feet to the **Point of Beginning**.

Containing 51.4 acres of land more or less.

AP/dgi

KCI Job No. 01-94093

April 14, 1995

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ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 93-375-A

Tower, Maryland

District 3rd Posted for: Variance	Date of Posting 5/5/95
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 108 of the County Office Building, 11 t W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case: #95-375-A
(Item 364)
2919 Caves Road
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SE/S Caves Road,
1100'+/- W of c/l Baronet
Road
3rd Election District
3rd Councilmanic
Legal Owner;
Margaret F, McKean
Hearing: Wednesday,
May 31, 1995 at 9:00
a.m. in Rm. 118, Old
Courthouse

Variance to permit an accessory structure (pool and storage building) to be located in the side and front yard in lieu of the regulired rear.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handlcapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Call 887-3353.

(2)For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Please Call 887-3391, 5/065 May 4.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., 5/5 , 19 95
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was
published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published
in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of successive
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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Item No.: 364

Petitioner: MRS. MARGARET F. MCKEAN

Location: 2919 CAUES ROAD, OWINGS MILLS, MD. 21693

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

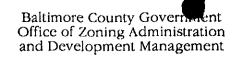
NAME: MR. WILLIAM BYRD

ADDRESS: 363 DEED DALE DRIVE, LOTHERULUE, MD. 21693

PHONE NUMBER: 252-9591

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(Revised 04/09/93)





111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

April 28, 1995

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CASE NUMBER: 95-375-A (Item 364)

2919 Caves Road Walnutwood

SE/S Caves Road, 1100'+/- W of c/l Baronet Road

3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Margaret F. McKean

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118 Old Courthouse.

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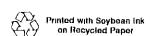
Arnold Jablon Director

Margaret F. McKean CC:

William Byrd

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

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- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



WCRUFF. WELL



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 19, 1995

Mrs. Margaret F. McKean 2919 Caves Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

RE: Item No.: 364

Case No.: 95-375-A

Petitioner: M. F. McKean

Dear Mrs. McKean:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on April 18, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

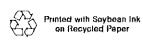
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

May 11, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

J. Lawrence Pilson De Mr.

Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item #364 - Walnutwood

6919 Caves Road

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 1, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Environmental Impact Review

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains.

Development of the property must comply with Regulations for Forest Conservation.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY. MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: May 4, 1995

SUBJECT: Variance Requests

INFORMATION:

Item Numbers: 362, 363, 364, 367, 372, 374, 380 and 383.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

While staff does not oppose the requested Variances, it is clear that the petitioners will need to satisfy the burden imposed upon them to prove practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship to justify the granting of the subject Variances.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

PK/JL

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O. James Lighthizer Secretary

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

Baltimore County Item No.: 364 (JCM)

Ms. Joyce Watson
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
County Office Building
Room 109
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Re:

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

BS/

Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

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Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF MAY 1, 1995.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this 1200. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:362,363(364),365,366,367, 369,370,371,372,373,373,375,376 and 377.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD
Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1108F

cc: File



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 8, 1995
Zoning Administration and Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

RE: V Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for May 8, 1995 Items 362, 363, 364, 366, 367, 369, 372, 373, 9 374 and 375 and Case No. 95-308-X

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 2919 Caves Road - Walnutwood - SE/S Caves Road, 1100'+/- W of c/l Baronet Road 3rd Election District, 3rd Councilmanic

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Margaret F. McKean Petitioner

BEFORE THE

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Tinnerman

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9^{40} day of May, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Byrd, 303 Deep Dale Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093, representative for Petitioner.

Peter Max Cimmerman

PROTESTANT(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
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ZONING VARIANCE (CONTINUED)



LOOKING WEST AT EXISTING STORAGE BUILDING PROPOSED IN FRONT/SIDE YARD OF LOT 4.

LOOKING EAST AT REAR OF EXISTING HOUSE ON PROPOSED LOT 4 FROM REAR OF MAIN HOUSE.



PETITIONER'S

PROPOSED WALNUTWOOD

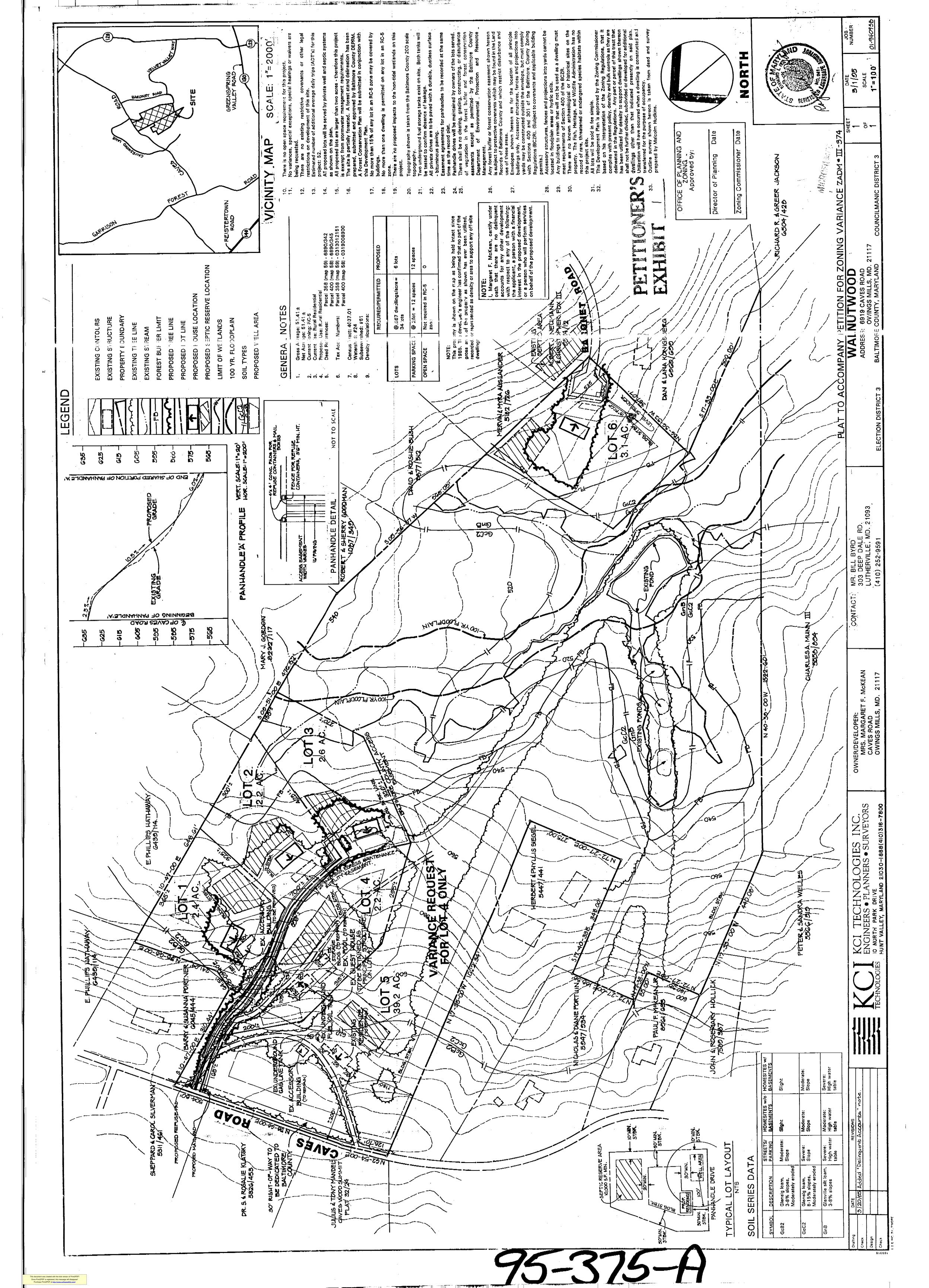
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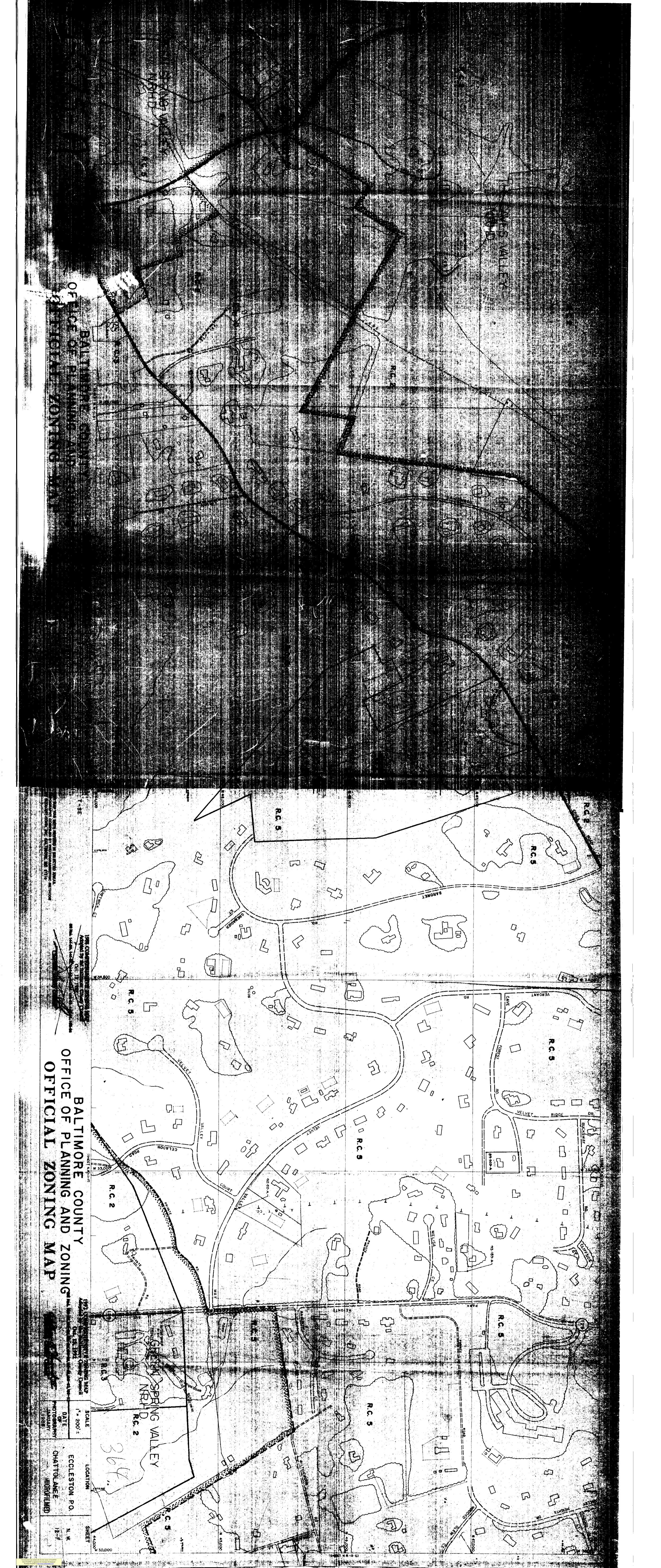


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LOOKING NORTH AT THE EXISTING POOL IN THE SIDE YARD OF PROPOSED LOT 4.







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> 3rd Councilmanic District Margaret F. McKean Petitioner

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I find from the testimony and evidence presented in this case that the subject property is unique, unusual and different from properties which surround the subject site so as to cause this applicable zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon this particular parcel of land.

Having satisfied this "first step" the Applicant (Petitioner) must proceed to the "second step" of this variance process, which is to show that strict compliance with the zoning regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

The practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship guidelines that have been imposed by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) have been thoroughly examined and discussed by the appellate courts of this State. In Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Association v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 176 A.2d 355 (1961), the Court of Appeals considered the identical regulation to Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

As the Court noted: "Section 307 of the Regulations uses the two terms (practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship) in the disjunctive." Loyola Federal, p. 358. Thus, by the use of the term "or", Section 307 offers the Petitioner an opportunity to obtain its variance upon satisfaction of either the undue hardship or practical difficulty standard.

The distinction between these standards was clarified by the Court of Special Appeals in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, 322 A.2d 220 (1974). Within that opinion. the Court held that the undue hardship standard applies to a petition for a use variance. The Court noted that a use variance, which permits a use on the property other than that specifically permitted in that particular district, requires the imposition of a higher standard. That is, to allow the change of use for a particular property requires the Petitioner to demonstrate real hardship, where the land cannot allow a reasonable return if used only in accordance with the use restrictions of the ordinance.

Compared with this heavy burden, the Court reviewed the practical difficulty standard applicable for area variances. The Court characterized

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area variances as having a much less drastic effect than use variances, in that they seek relief only from height, area, setback, or side property line restrictions and would not affect the property's use. per se. The Court envisioned the impact of area variances on the surrounding locale to be less than that generated by use variances, and thus, the lesser practical difficulty standard applies. The prongs of that standard which must be satisfied by the Petition, as enunciated in Anderson, supra, are as follows:

> 1) whether compliance with the strict letter of restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome:

> 2) whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to an applicant as well as to other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with that afforded other property owners; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson, p. 39. See also McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) at pps. 214-215.

I find from the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing before me that the Petitioner has in fact proven the practical difficulty standards as set forth above and that the variance requested should be granted. I further find that the granting of this variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and that the granting of this relief is accomplished without injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of August, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an existing swimming pool and storage building to be located in the side and front yards in lieu of the required rear yard, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason. this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 1, 1995

Mrs. Margaret F. McKean 2919 Caves Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SE/S Caves Road, 1100' W of the c/l of Baronet Road 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Margaret F. McKean - Petitioner Case No. 95-375-A

Dear Mrs. McKean:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Permits and Development Management

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

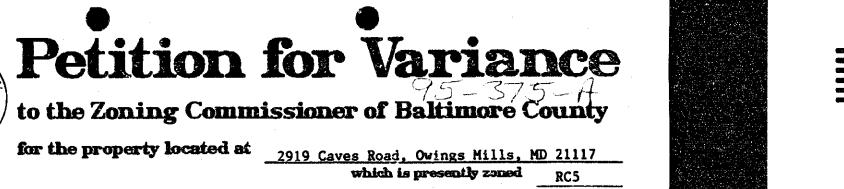
cc: Mr. William Byrd 303 Deep Dale Drive, Lutherville, Md. 21093

J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire 305 Washington Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Ms. Kristen Forsyth, The Valleys Planning Council P.O. Box 5402, Towson, Md. 21285

People's Counsel; File

for Baltimore County



This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 400.1 (86.22 To Perant ACCOSSIBLE STELLEDZES (FELL & STERRES BULLETUS TES BE CONTED W THE SIZE AND FROM WARD IN CITIA OF THE PERSONE HOUR of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

1. Location of pool and garage in side yard of house is an existing condition that cannot be reasonably changed.

2. Location of pool and garage in side yard of house is not visible from a public road.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expanses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltim are County.

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95-375 A

ZONING DESCRIPTION WALNUTWOOD SUBDIVISION 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

(This description is for a zoning variance for proposed Lot 4, as shown on the development Plan for the proposed Walnutwood Subdivision).

COMMENCING FOR THE SAME at the intersection of the centerlines of Caves Road and Baronet Road, thence running down Caves Road South 69 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 1,100 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning, thence leaving Caves

South 10 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 310.44 feet, thence

South 75 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 64.51 feet, thence

North 68 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 241.04 feet, thence

South 10 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 648.61 feet, thence

South 09 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 476.82 feet, thence

South 05 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 968.09 feet, thence

North 86 degrees 36 minutes 52 seconds West 387.07 feet, thence

South 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds East 500.00 feet, thence

North 40 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 1572.60 feet, thence

10) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 440.08 feet, thence

11) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 160.38 feet, thence

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Zoning Description Walnutwood Subdivision KCI Job No. 01-94093 April 17, 1995

12) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 85.00 feet, thence

13) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 188.38 feet, thence

14) South 17 degrees 40 minutes 33 seconds East 348.00 feet, thence

15) North 72 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 275.45 feet, thence along Caves

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16) North 17 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds West 1,022.34 feet, thence

17) North 62 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East 128.70 feet, thence

18) North 68 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 504.80 feet to the Point of

Containing 51.4 acres of land more or less.

KCI Job No. 01-94093

April 14, 1995

(410) 887-3353

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

April 28, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

or
Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 95-375-A (Item 364) 2919 Caves Road Walnutwood SE/S Caves Road, 1100'+/- W of c/l Baronet Road 3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118 Old Courthouse.

Variance to permit an accessory structure (pool and storage building) to be located in the side and front yard in lieu of the required rear.

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NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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(Item 384) 2919 Caves Road Wainutwood SE/S Caves Road

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3rd Election District
3rd Councilmantic
Legal Owner:
Margaret F. McKean
Hearing: Wednesday,
May 31, 1995 at 9:00
a.m. in Firm. 118, Old
Counthouse.

Variance to permit an ac

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD.,. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 5/4, 1995.

> THE JEFFERSONIAN. LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

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Zoning Administration & Development Management

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Item No.: Petitioner: MES MARGARETE MIKEAN

Location: 2919 CAUSS ROAV, OWINGS MILLS, MD. 21293 PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

NAME: MP. WILLIAM BYDD -ADDRESS: 305 DEED DATE DEWE LOTHERUILLE, MD. 21093

PHONE NUMBER: 252-9591

(Revised 04/09/93)

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 19, 1995

Mrs. Margaret F. McKean 2919 Caves Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

> RE: Item No.: 364 Case No.: 95-375-A Petitioner: M. F. McKean

Dear Mrs. McKean:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on April 18, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and

May 11, 1995

Development Management

FROM: J. Lawrence Pilson Jul / Mrs Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #364 - Walnutwood 6919 Caves Road Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 1, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Environmental Impact Review

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains.

Development of the property must comply with Regulations for Forest Conservation

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: May 4, 1995

SUBJECT: Variance Requests

Item Numbers: 362, 363, 364, 367, 372, 374, 380 and 383.

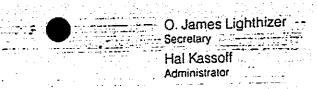
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

While staff does not oppose the requested Variances, it is clear that the petitioners will need to satisfy the burden imposed upon them to prove practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship to justify the granting of the subject Variances.

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5-2-95

Ms. Joyce Watson
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
County Office Building
Room 109
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,
Bol Small

Ronald Burns, Chief
Engineering Access Permits
Division

BS/

Baltimore County Government
Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 05/05/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF MAY 1, 1995.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Aganda:

Gentlemen:

Fursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

B. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this fine.
IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:362,363(364),365,364,367,
369,370,371,372,373,373,375,376 and 377.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Harshal Office, PHONE 687-4681, MS-1102F

cc: File

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 8, 1995
Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 8, 1995 Items 362, 363, 364, 366, 367, 369, 372, 373, 7 374 and 375 and Case No. 95-308-X

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

RWB:sw

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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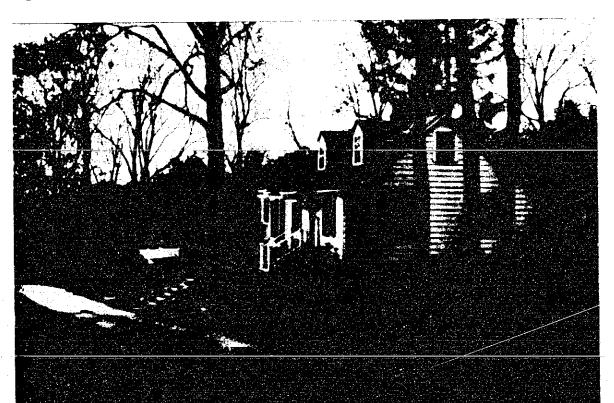
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of May, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Byrd, 303 Deep Dale Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093, representative for Petitioner.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

PROTESTANT(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

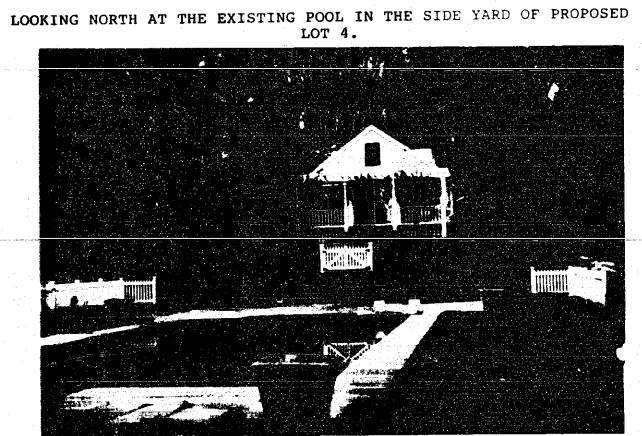
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ZONING VARIANCE (CONTINUED)

LOOKING WEST AT EXISTING STORAGE BUILDING PROPOSED IN FRONT/ SIDE YARD OF LOT 4.

LOOKING EAST AT REAR OF EXISTING HOUSE ON PROPOSED LOT 4 FROM REAR OF MAIN HOUSE.



